

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A method for treatment of hypercholesterolemia, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition consisting essentially of at least 90% policosanols obtained from rice bran wax, wherein the policosanols comprise from about 25 to about 35% of octacosanol.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the level of policosanols is at least 93%.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the level of policosanols is at least 95%.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the policosanols comprise from about 28 to about 32% of octacosanol.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the policosanols comprise about 30% of octacosanol.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the policosanols comprise from 0.5 to 15 % of tetracosanol, from 5 to 35% of hexacosanol, from 25 to 35% of octacosanol, from 12 to 49 of triacontanol, and from 2 to 17 % of dotriacontanol.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the level of policosanols is at least 95% and the policosanols comprise about 30% of octacosanol.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of powders, tablets, capsules, and solutions.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of hard shell capsules and soft-gel capsules.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the effective amount is from about 10 mg to about 20 mg per day.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the administration is performed as a single dose per day.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the administration is performed as multiple doses per day.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, wherein the multiple doses per day are each equal in size to one another.